



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 390

PRINTERS NO. 2451

PRIME SPONSOR: Brubaker

COST / (SAVINGS)

| FUND | FY 2012/13 | FY 2013/14 |
|--------------------|------------|------------|
| Motor License Fund | \$0 | \$0 |
| Municipal Funds | \$0 | \$0 |

SUMMARY: Amends the Vehicle Code with operational changes for movement of Agricultural Vehicles on highways. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation would add a provision to existing law to permit the daytime or night-time operation of implements of husbandry not exceeding 14 feet 6 inches in width on highways (other than freeways) for a farmer to provide agricultural services to another farmer within a distance of up to 50 miles. It also removes the restriction of what can be hauled in an implement not exceeding 14 feet six inches for night-time operation, but limits movement to the same distance and locations as those that currently exists for daytime use of the same width implement.

The legislation would establish a new provision for the daytime operation of implements of husbandry of widths between 14 feet 6 inches but not exceeding 16 feet on highways (other than freeways). Operation requires liability insurance and a pilot vehicle, and there are 50-mile distance limitations.

The legislation would also establish new provisions for the night-time operation of implements of husbandry of widths between 14 feet 6 inches but not exceeding 16 feet on highways (other than freeways). Operation must be by a person at least 18 years of age, and other provisions require liability insurance, safety devices such as reflective edgemarks and lamps, speeds of 25 mph or less, a vehicle with activated hazard lamps following the implement and a 25-mile distance limitation.

The legislation would also establish a maximum width for nighttime travel for implements of husbandry and custom farm service implements of husbandry to be operated, hauled or towed on highways other than freeways for farming purposes to 14 feet 6 inches, with requirements for implements between 12 feet and 14 feet 6 inches to have reflective edgemarks on front and rear, have hazard warning flashers in operation, and either have two rotating yellow beacons in operation or have an accompanying vehicle to warn approaching traffic.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth or municipal funds.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.